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SUBJECT: IMMINENT CABINET CHANGES ELICIT LITTLE INTEREST

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1. PRESS MAY 4 BRIEFLY REPORTS PM SALEM PREVIOUS DAY MET SERIATIM WITH HAMED EL SAYEH (MIN ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION), NAIM ABU TALEB (MIN STATE FIVE YEAR PLAN), MUSTAFA KAMAL HELMI (MIN EDUCATION), ALI EL SALMI (MIN STATE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPNPNT), SHEIKH MOHAMED EL SHAARAWI (WAF AND AL AZHAR), ZAKARIA TEWFIQ (TRADE AND SUPPLY), AHMED SULTAN (ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY), AND DR. SALAH HAMED (FINANCE) TO DISCUSS CABINET RESHUFFLE. SALEM TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS TODAY AND WILL PRESENT HIS "VISUALIZATION" OF NEW CABINET TO SADAT ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY.

2. AHRAH PREDICTS RESHUFFLE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEPARATION OF SOME JOINT MINISTRIES INTO COMPONENT PARTS. ALL PAPERS QUOTE PRIME MINISTER AS SAYING CHANGES INTENDED PROVIDE CABINET WITH "NEW BLOOD". RELIEF OF INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS NOT TO BE READ AS IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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DICATING FAILURE PERFORM ADEQUATELY. PRESS CONTAINS NO RPT NO SPECULATION ON WHICH MINISTERS WILL BE REMOVED, NOR IS THERE ANY INDICATION OF LIKELY SUCCESSORS. EDITORIAL COLUMNS, TOO, BLANK ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. HAMID EL SAYEH TOLD AMBASSADOR MAY 4 THAT DESPITE RUMORS HE AND ALL OTHER "ECONOMIC GROUP" MINISTERS WILL

REMAIN. ASU SYG MUSTAFA KHALIL TOLD POLCOUNS CHANGES
WOULD BE MINOR, BUT "SUBSTANTIAL" CHANGE WOULD TAKE
PLACE IN OCTOBER "OR POSSIBLY EARLIER."

4. COMMENT: BRIEF REPORTAGE AND ABSENCE OF PRESS
SPECULATION MIRROR GENERAL LACK OF INTEREST ELICITED BY
SADAT'S CABINET ANNOUNCEMENT. PUBLIC HAS BEEN THROUGH
THIS TOO MANY TIMES AND NO LONGER EXPECTS SHUFFLE AFFECT
BASIC POLICY OR INCREASE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY. ELTS

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